## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 1 FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO 2 3 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CASE NO. 17-CR-648 (FAB) 4 ) Plaintiff, 5 VS. CHANGE OF PLEA HEARING 6 [1] ANGEL DE LA CRUZ, 7 Defendant. 8 9 TRANSCRIPT OF CHANGE OF PLEA HEARING 10 HELD BEFORE THE HONORABLE JUDGE FRANCISCO A. BESOSA 11 SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO Monday, March 26, 2018 12 13 APPEARANCES: 14 15 For the United States: SEAN R. GAJEWSKI, SAUSA United States Attorney's Office 16 Torre Chardón, Suite 1201 350 Carlos Chardón Street 17 San Juan, PR 00918 18 19 For the Defendant: YASMIN A. IRIZARRY, AFPD Federal Public Defender's Office 20 Patio Gallery Building 21 241 Franklin D. Roosevelt Ave. Hato Rey, PR 00918-2441 2.2 23 2.4 2.5 Produced by mechanical stenography; computer-aided transcription

(PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED AT 3:25 P.M.) 1 2 3 THE CLERK: Criminal Case No. 17-648, United States 4 of America versus Angel De La Cruz for Change of Plea 5 Hearing. On behalf of the Government, Assistant United 6 7 States Attorney Sean R. Gajewski. On behalf of the Defendant, Assistant Federal 8 9 Public Defender Yasmin A. Irizarry. 10 Defendant is present and assisted by the certified 11 court interpreter. 12 MR. GAJEWSKI: Good afternoon, Your Honor. 13 Government is ready to proceed. MS. IRIZARRY: Good afternoon, Your Honor. 14 15 Irizarry on behalf of the Defendant. We are ready to 16 proceed. 17 Excuse me, Your Honor. I misread the hour of the 18 I thought it was at 3:30, so I apologize to the hearing. 19 Court for being late. 20 THE COURT: Is this a straight plea? 21 MS. IRIZARRY: Yes, Your Honor. 2.2 THE COURT: To all three counts? 23 MS. IRIZARRY: Yes, Your Honor. 2.4 THE COURT: Please put Mr. De La Cruz under oath. 2.5 Yes, Your Honor. THE CLERK:

## ANGEL A. MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ, 1 2 after having been first duly 3 sworn or affirmed upon oath, was examined and testified as follows: 4 5 Mr. De La Cruz, before I accept your 6 THE COURT: 7 petition to enter a plea of guilty, I have to determine that 8 you are competent to make your plea and that your petition is 9 completely voluntary. 10 Do you understand that? 11 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 12 THE COURT: Do you understand that you are now under oath? 13 14 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 15 THE COURT: If you answer any of my questions 16 falsely, your answers may later be used against you in a 17 prosecution for perjury or for making a false statement. 18 Do you understand that? 19 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 2.0 THE COURT: Mr. De La Cruz, please state your full 21 name. 2.2 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Angel Alberto 23 Montero-De La Cruz. 2.4 THE COURT: So your last name is Montero? 2.5 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir.

1	THE COURT: How old are you, sir?
2	DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: 27 years old.
3	THE COURT: And how far did you go in school?
4	DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: I studied until high
5	school, and then I took some courses at Universidad Central
6	del Este.
7	THE COURT: Is that here in Puerto Rico?
8	DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: No, sir. In the
9	Dominican Republic.
10	THE COURT: Have you been treated recently for any
11	type of mental illness?
12	DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: No, sir.
13	THE COURT: Have you been treated recently for
14	addiction to any type of narcotic drug?
15	DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: No, sir.
16	THE COURT: Are you currently under the influence
17	of any type of narcotic drug?
18	DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: No, sir.
19	THE COURT: Are you currently taking any type of
20	medication?
21	DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: No.
22	THE COURT: Are you currently under the influence
23	or have you drunk any alcoholic beverage within the last
24	24 hours?
25	DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: No, sir.

THE COURT: Mr. Montero, what is it that you want 1 2 do in court this afternoon? 3 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: To plead guilty. 4 THE COURT: Ms. Irizarry, do you have doubts as to Mr. Montero's competence to plead? 5 MS. IRIZARRY: No, Your Honor. 6 7 THE COURT: Mr. Gajewski, do you have any doubts? MR. GAJEWSKI: No, Your Honor. 8 9 THE COURT: Based on his answers to my questions 10 and his appropriate demeanor, I find Defendant Angel 11 Montero-De La Cruz to be competent to enter his plea of 12 guilty. 13 Mr. Montero, did you receive a copy of the indictment that's pending against you? 14 15 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 16 THE COURT: Did you discuss the charges in the 17 indictment with your attorney, with Ms. Irizarry? DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 18 19 THE COURT: Did you discuss your decision to plead 20 quilty with Ms. Irizarry? 21 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 2.2 THE COURT: Are you fully satisfied with the 23 counsel, representation and advice given to you by Ms. Irizarry? 2.4 2.5 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: That is correct.

THE COURT: Mr. Montero, when you were arrested and 1 2 you were brought to court, you went before another judge, and 3 at that time you pled not guilty to the charges. 4 Do you remember that? DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 5 6 THE COURT: Do you understand that you can maintain 7 that plea of not guilty if you wanted to? DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir, I 8 9 understand. 10 THE COURT: Do you understand that if you were to maintain a plea of not guilty, you would then have the right 11 12 to a trial by jury? 13 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes. 14 THE COURT: Do you understand that at the trial you 15 would be presumed to be innocent? 16 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 17 THE COURT: Do you understand that it's the 18 Government that has to prove that you are guilty with 19 competent evidence and beyond a reasonable doubt? 20 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 21 THE COURT: Do you understand that at the trial 22 your attorney would be with you at all times to help you with 23 your defense? DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 2.4 2.5 THE COURT: And that you also would have the right

to see every witness that would come to the trial to testify 1 2 and listen to every witness' testimony. 3 Do you understand that? DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 4 THE COURT: And that you also would have the right 5 6 to have those witnesses cross-examined as part of your 7 defense. Do you understand that? 8 9 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 10 THE COURT: And that you also would have the right 11 not to testify at the trial, or even present any evidence, 12 unless you voluntarily would want to do so as part of your 13 defense. 14 Do you understand that? 15 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 16 THE COURT: And that you also would have the right 17 to have witnesses come to the trial to testify on your behalf 18 as part of your defense, if necessary, by Court order. 19 Do you understand that? 2.0 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 21 THE COURT: Do you understand that if you were to 2.2 decide not to testify at the trial, or even present any 23 evidence, that cannot be used against you? DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 2.4 2.5 THE COURT: Do you understand that by entering a

plea of guilty, if I accept your plea, there will not be a 1 2 trial? DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 3 THE COURT: Do you understand that you will have 4 5 waived or given up your right to a trial and those other 6 rights that are associated with the trial that I just 7 mentioned to you? DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 8 9 THE COURT: Do you understand that by entering a 10 plea of guilty, you also waive or give up your right not to 11 incriminate yourself? 12 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 13 THE COURT: And reason for that waiver is because I 14 have to ask you questions about what you did in order for me 15 to be satisfied that you are guilty. 16 Do you understand that? 17 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 18 THE COURT: Do you understand that you will have to 19 acknowledge your guilt? 20 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 21 THE COURT: Mr. Montero, are you a citizen of the 2.2 United States? 23 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: No, sir. 2.4 THE COURT: Do you understand that the offenses to 2.5 which you are pleading guilty -- Counts One, Two and Three of the indictment -- are felony offenses?

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DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Do you understand that if I accept your plea, you will be adjudged guilty of those felony offenses?

DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Mr. Montero, you are charged in Count One of the indictment with conspiracy to possess controlled substances aboard a vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, in that, beginning on a date that's not known but that was no later than on or about December 11th through 12th, 2017, on the high seas, and elsewhere, within the jurisdiction of this court, you, and two other Defendants, knowingly and intentionally combined, conspired, confederated and agreed, together with each other, and with other persons, to possess with intent to distribute 5 kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine on board a vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, which was a vessel without nationality. Puerto Rico was the first point of entry where you entered the United States following the commission of that offense.

As to Count One of the indictment, Mr. Montero, is that what you did?

DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: You are also charged in Count Two of

the indictment with possession of a controlled substance on board a vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, and with aiding and abetting others to do that, in that, on or about December 11 to 12, 2017, on the high seas, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction this Court, you and two other Defendants, aided and abetted by each other, and with other persons, knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute 5 kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine on board a vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, which was a vessel without nationality. Puerto Rico was the first point of entry where you entered the United States following the commission of that offense.

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As to Count Two, Mr. Montero, is that what you did?

DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: And you are also charged in Count Three with conspiracy to import a controlled substance, in that, beginning on a date that's not known but that was no later than on or about December 11 to 12, 2017, from the Dominican Republic, you and two other persons, Defendants, intentionally and knowingly combined, conspired, agreed with other persons, known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to import into the United States 5 kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine.

As to Count Three of the indictment, Mr. Montero,

is that what you did? 1 2 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Can I ask something 3 to my attorney before I answer? THE COURT: Of course. 4 (Whereupon, an off-the-record discussion was held 5 between the Defendant and the Defense counsel.) 6 7 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Okay. Yes, sir. THE COURT: Are you pleading guilty to all those 8 three counts? 9 10 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 11 THE COURT: The maximum and minimum punishment that 12 the law provides for the offenses to which you want to plead 13 quilty is as follows, for each offense: 14 A minimum term of ten years and a maximum term of 15 life imprisonment, a fine of \$10 million, and a supervised 16 release term of at least five years, and a special monetary 17 assessment of \$100 for each count, for a total of \$300. 18 Ms. Irizarry, have you discussed and explained the 19 terms of supervised release to Mr. Montero? 20 MS. IRIZARRY: Yes, I have, Your Honor. 21 THE COURT: Mr. Montero, on the date that you are 2.2 sentenced, I will also impose upon you a term of supervised 23 release. DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Okay. 2.4 2.5 During that term, which will be and THE COURT:

enforced whenever you are in the United States, whether legally or illegally, you will be under the supervision of a probation officer, and you will have to comply with some conditions that I will also impose upon you on the date that you are sentenced.

If you violate any of those conditions or you don't follow them, the probation officer will find out, and he or she will tell me. And at that time we will have a hearing in court, and depending on what happens at the hearing, I can revoke your supervised release term and send you back to prison.

Do you understand that?

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DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir, I understand.

THE COURT: Mr. Montero, you do realize that after you complete your imprisonment term, you will be deported back to your country of origin?

DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, I understand, sir.

THE COURT: Do you understand all those serious possible consequences of your plea of guilty?

DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Do you understand that sentencing within the sentencing guidelines is a matter for the Court to decide?

DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir, I 1 2 understand. 3 THE COURT: Have you and Ms. Irizarry talked about 4 how the sentencing guidelines might apply to your case? DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 5 Do you understand that I won't be able 6 THE COURT: 7 to determine what the guideline sentence for your case will 8 be until after I receive a completed pre-sentence 9 investigation report prepared by the probation officer? 10 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 11 THE COURT: Do you understand that the sentence 12 that I may impose upon you may be different from any estimate 13 that Ms. Irizarry may have already given you and even 14 different from whatever recommendation of sentence I receive 15 at the sentencing date by either Ms. Irizarry or from the 16 Government? 17 Do you understand that? DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir, I 18 19 understand. 20 THE COURT: Do you understand that the sentence 21 that I may impose upon you may be affected by your criminal 2.2 history? 23 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 2.4 THE COURT: Do you understand that even after your 2.5 sentencing guideline range has been determined, I can in

circumstances depart from those guidelines and impose a 1 2 sentence on you that is more severe than the sentence called 3 for by the guidelines? 4 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 5 THE COURT: And the reason I say "more severe" is because I cannot sentence you to anything less than 10 years. 6 7 Do you understand that by law I can't do that? DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 8 9 THE COURT: Do you understand that there is no 10 parole in the Federal system? 11 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: I understand. 12 THE COURT: Do you understand that if I do reject 13 any sentencing recommendation made by either your attorney or 14 by the Government that is either more severe or less severe 15 than any sentence you may anticipate, I won't be able to allow you to withdraw your plea of guilty? 16 17 Do you understand that? DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir, I 18 19 understand. 20 THE COURT: Are you pleading guilty because 21 someones forced you to change your plea? 2.2 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: No, sir. 23 THE COURT: Is your plea a completely voluntary 2.4 plea, on your own behalf? 2.5 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Before we go any further, Mr. Gajewski, 1 2 does the safety valve apply to this case? 3 MR. GAJEWSKI: Your Honor, it's the Government's 4 position that the safety valve does not apply to the Title 46 5 case. THE COURT: Ms. Irizarry. 6 7 MS. IRIZARRY: Yes, Your Honor. We would like to just clarify a situation. The Court has just stated that the 8 9 Court cannot go under --10 THE COURT: That's why I ask him. 11 MS. IRIZARRY: Exactly. 12 But the Court has stated that "I cannot go under 13 the 10 years." I just want the record to be clear that we 14 understand that, yes, the Court can go under the 10 years in 15 one of two things occurring, the safety valve or a 16 cooperation. So we understand that the statement that "the 17 Court cannot sentence you under 10 years" would be a 18 misstatement in this present case. 19 THE COURT: All right. 20 Mr. Montero -- well, first of all, Ms. Irizarry, 21 have you explained the safety valve to Mr. Montero? 2.2 MS. IRIZARRY: I have, Your Honor. 23 THE COURT: Okay. 2.4 Mr. Montero, if you do what we call the safety

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valve, or if you cooperate with the Government and give the

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Government information that substantially helps them, then I 1 2 may sentence you to less than 10 years. 3 Do you understand that? DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. I offered 4 5 myself to clarify the case to the Prosecutor. Okay. So if the Prosecutor accepts 6 THE COURT: 7 your safety valve, or if the Prosecutor accepts that you have 8 made substantial cooperation with it, then -- for example, in 9 the safety valve, I can -- in both cases I can sentence you 10 to less than 10 years. But if you -- under cooperation, the 11 Government has to request that I sentence you to less than 12 10 years. 13 Do you understand that? 14 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir, I 15 understand. 16 MS. IRIZARRY: Your Honor, if I may clarify the 17 We understand that the Court is the one who record. 18 determines if he complies with the safety valve. 19 the Prosecutor. 20 THE COURT: No, no. That's why I said "under cooperation" it's only under a Government's motion. Not 21 22 under safety valve. I am clear on that. 23 MS. IRIZARRY: Thank you, Your Honor.

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THE COURT: Now, Mr. Gajewski, would you please

prove Mr. Montero-De La Cruz guilty if a trial were to be held.

MR. GAJEWSKI: Yes, Your Honor.

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On December 11, 2017, the U.S. Coast Guard detected a suspect vessel traveling on a southwest course with three persons on board approximately 50 nautical miles north of Fajardo, Puerto Rico.

The Coast Guard intercepted the suspect vessel, conducted a lawful boarding, and found three person on board, one of which was Defendant Angel Montero-De La Cruz.

The boarding revealed 53 bales of suspected cocaine.

The three persons on board the vessel, as well as the suspected cocaine, were taken to Puerto Rico, which was the first port of entry.

The suspected narcotics were subjected to forensic testing by a Drug Enforcement Agency chemist who confirmed the substance was cocaine and calculated a total net weight of 1,051 kilograms.

Between December 11th and 12th, 2017, from the country of Dominican Republic, the Defendant intentionally and knowingly combined, conspired, and agreed with co-Defendants to import into the United States 5 kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine.

Had the United States proceeded to trial, it would 1 2 have presented testimony of law enforcement agents, expert 3 testimony from a chemist, documentary evidence, a video, and 4 physical evidence, including the seized narcotics, to prove 5 Defendant is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Discovery was provided to the Defense in a timely 6 7 manner. THE COURT: Mr. Montero, do you agree with the 8 9 Government's version that you just heard? 10 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 11 THE COURT: Is that what you did? 12 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: One moment, please. 13 (Whereupon, an off-the-record discussion was held 14 between the Defendant and Defense Counsel.) 15 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir, I understand. 16 17 THE COURT: Do you understand that that is what you did? 18 19 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 20 THE COURT: Do you still want to plead guilty? 21 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir. 22 THE COURT: Mr. Montero-De La Cruz, how do you 23 plead to the charges before the Court, quilty or not quilty? 2.4 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Guilty, sir. 2.5 It's the finding of the Court in the THE COURT:

case of the United States versus Angel Montero-De La Cruz 1 2 that Mr. Montero-De La Cruz is fully competent and capable of 3 entering an informed plea, that he is aware of the nature of 4 the charges and the consequences of his plea, and that his 5 plea of guilty is knowing and voluntary someone, supported by an independent basis in fact containing each of the essential 6 7 elements of the offense. Mr. Montero-De La Cruz's plea is, therefore, 8 9 accepted, and he is now adjudged guilty of that offense. 10 The Court orders a pre-sentence investigation 11 report to be prepared by the probation officer to assist the 12 Court in sentencing. 13 Mr. Montero, it's very important that you cooperate 14 with the probation officer when he or she is preparing this 15 report. 16 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir, I 17 understand. THE COURT: 18 Ms. Irizarry may accompany you during 19 and help you with your participation with the probation 20 officer assigned to your case. 21 Do you understand that? 2.2 DEFENDANT MONTERO-DE LA CRUZ: Yes, sir, I 23 understand.

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THE COURT: May I have a sentencing date, please.

June 28, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

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THE COURT: Sentence on June 28, 2018, at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Is there anything else, Ms. Irizarry?

MS. IRIZARRY: Yes, Your Honor.

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We would like the record to reflect that our client, in writing, prior to today and today, has informed the Court and the Government that he is interested in participating in the safety valve interview. We understand that he meets all the requirements and that it is his right to be allowed to participate pursuant to the charge of 18 U.S.C. 952.

We are aware that the Government's intention is that, in the other two charges, he is not eligible for the safety valve. Nevertheless, he definitely — there is no objection that in the importation count he is eligible for the safety valve. We request that the Court order the Government to comply and conduct the interview.

THE COURT: Well, the Government can do its own research and determine whether it applies or not.

What I would like, before the sentencing, is for the Government, if it's not going to allow Mr. Montero to do the safety valve, at last as to Count Three, to brief the Court on that issue.

MR. GAJEWSKI: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: And, Ms. Irizarry, you may brief the

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MS. IRIZARRY: Your Honor, and also, looking into 3553 factors, we are requesting that interview. We understand that that is an interview which will allow the Court to have a full picture as to all the 3553 factors that, in fact, my client, for purposes of sentencing — regardless of the obligation or non-obligation of the safety valve, there is the potential to go as low as 10 years, regardless of the decision as if it will apply or not to the MDLEA charges.

THE COURT: You may include that in your briefing --

MR. GAJEWSKI: Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: -- as to whether -- even if you are not going to do the safety valve, whether you should at least allow Mr. Montero-De La Cruz to be interviewed for the Court to have sufficient evidence under the 3553(a) factors to impose sentence.

And, Ms. Irizarry, you can brief the Court on that also.

MS. IRIZARRY: Thank you, Your Honor.

MR. GAJEWSKI: Your Honor, is there a specific date that you would like the briefing done by?

THE COURT: The sentence is on June 28th.

What about May 29th?

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1	MR. GAJEWSKI: That works for the Government,
2	Your Honor.
3	THE COURT: Is there anything else?
4	MS. IRIZARRY: Nothing further, Your Honor.
5	MR. GAJEWSKI: Nothing from the Government,
6	Your Honor.
7	THE COURT: You are excused.
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